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## Proposed Rule Cover Sheet



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## **Thoroughbred Rule 2099.1 Amendment Summary**

Amends Rule 2099.1 to allow Stewards to grant 30 and 60 day extensions for horse owners / trainers to record timed workouts.

### **Thoroughbred Rule 2099.1 Mark Up**

#### **COMMISSION CLOCKER**

**2099.** The Commission Clocker shall be appointed by the Racing Commission and paid by the franchise holder. The Commission Clocker and his assistants will be responsible for recording official workouts each day. Official workouts that are not reported in The Daily Racing Form shall be tabulated by the Commission Clocker and posted for public viewing in a conspicuous place.

**2099.1 (a) (1)** A horse shall not be taken on the track for training or a workout except during hours designated by the Association.

(2) The trainer or rider shall identify the horse and distance to be worked to the Official Clocker or his assistant.

(3) A horse which has not started for a period of sixty (60) days or more prior to race day must have at least two (2) official published timed workouts within the previous thirty (30) days prior to race day, at least one (1) of which must be at distance of four (4) furlongs or more. The workouts must have occurred at a pari-mutuel horse racing facility or recognized horse training facility, approved by the Stewards.

(4) A horse which has not started for a period of six (6) months or more prior to a race day must have at least three (3) officially published timed workouts, two (2) of which must be within thirty (30) days of the race and one (1) of which must be at a distance of four (4) furlongs or more. A horse which has not started for a period of six (6) months or more must also undergo a physical examination by the trainer's practicing veterinarian, and the trainer's practicing veterinarian must approve the horse for racing in writing to the official veterinarian prior to being entered in a race. The workouts must have occurred at a pari-mutuel horse racing facility or a recognized horse training facility approved by the Stewards.

(5) First time starters must have three (3) or more official published timed workouts within the previous sixty (60) days prior to race day, (i) two (2) of which must be within the previous thirty (30) days prior to race day, (ii) at least one (1) of which must be at a distance of four (4) furlongs or more, and (iii) at least one (1) of which must be a workout starting out of the gate within the previous ~~thirty (30)~~ forty-five (45) days prior to race day. The workouts must have occurred at a pari-mutuel horse racing facility or recognized horse training facility approved by the Stewards.

(6) The Stewards may extend the thirty (30) day period in Rule 2099.1(a)(3), (4) and (5) to thirty-seven (37) days, and the Stewards may extend the sixty (60) day period in Rule 2099.1(a)(5) to sixty-seven (67) days, if the horse was unable to complete the required workouts under said Rules due to the track being closed for workouts.

~~(6)~~(7) The Association may impose more stringent workout requirements.

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Arkansas Racing Commission will meet on September 22, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. in the Commission office located at 1515 West Seventh Street, Suite 500, Little Rock, Arkansas, to consider the adoption of the following rule changes:

- (1) Thoroughbred Rule 1217.3. Proposed amendment to set additional guidelines for extracorporeal shock wave therapy.
- (2) Thoroughbred Rule 1218. Proposed amendment to repeal sections (b)(1) and (2) as those sections conflict with the proposed HISA rules.
- (3) Thoroughbred Rule 1219. Proposed new rule to list prohibited practices contained in the proposed HISA rules.
- (4) Thoroughbred Rule 2099.1 Commission Clocker. Proposed amendment to allow Stewards to grant extensions of up to seven (7) days for horse owners / trainers to record timed workouts.
- (5) Thoroughbred Rule 2128A. Proposed new rule to prohibit jockeys from using hand-held communication devices while on the race track.
- (6) Thoroughbred Rule 2260 Purse Distribution. Proposed amendment to change purse distributions to include more horses.
- (7) Thoroughbred Rule 2444 Claiming. Proposed amendment to improve and clarify the claiming process for multiple claims in the same race.

Any persons wishing to speak for or against any of the above-proposed rule changes should appear at the meeting on September 22, 2022, and they will be given the opportunity to express their views. Persons wishing to submit written comments on the above-proposed rule changes should send them to the Arkansas Racing Commission, P.O. Box 3076, Little Rock, Arkansas 72203, prior to the close of business on September 21, 2022. Copies of the complete text of the proposed rule changes can be obtained from the Racing Commission office during normal business hours and on its website and from the Secretary of State's office and on its website.